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A total of 1,500,000 eastmarks was planned for canal construction work near Fuerstenberg on the Oder River. Bauunion Fuerstenberg was responsible for this project which was scheduled to be completed by late 1953 and included a recess canal, 300 meters long, 40 meters wide on the water surface, 3 meters deep and navigable for ships of up to 1,000 tons, and a turning basin, 60 meters in diameter at the entrance to the recess. A total of 80,000 cubic meters of earth had to be excavated, 16,000 cubic meters of watery bottom had to be dredged, and a layer of chemicals, 200 millimeters thick, with a protecting gravel layer, 300 millimeters thick, had to be laid to prevent the water of the canal, whose ground water level was about 3 meters deep, from trickling through.

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Comment. The canal is planned to serve as a harbor for Eisenhüttenkombinat Ost (Iron Mining Combine, East). In 1953, 1,395,000 eastmarks had been earmarked for the construction of this harbor, including the turning basin and that a total of 19,100 eastmarks had been spent by 30 June 1953. 50X1-HUM

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